

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RULES
GOVERNING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Effective _____

1.00 AUTHORITY

- 1.01 These rules shall be known as the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Rules Governing Professional Learning Communities.
- 1.02 The State Board of Education enacted these rules pursuant to its authority as set forth in Act 427 of 2017.

2.00 FUNDING AND PURPOSE

- 2.01 Additional funding provided for professional development above the amount set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305 (b)(5)(A) shall be used by the ADE for the development and administration of professional learning communities for the benefit of public school districts.
- 2.02 The ADE may partner with or choose a person, firm, corporation, or education service cooperative to provide the knowledge, skills, experience, and expertise for the development of a research-based process for the implementation of professional learning communities.

3.00 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.01 Any public school within Arkansas is eligible to apply for this funding.
- 3.02 Schools will be selected through an application process established by the ADE. Criteria for selecting schools for this project will include readiness, appropriateness, commitment, and other relevant factors.
- 3.03 Schools selected for the Project will receive intensive onsite professional development services to support the full implementation of Professional Learning Communities.
- 3.04 Continued participation in the project is contingent upon meeting the expectations established in the application process.